

court of last resort to which the Attorney General may deem proper to cause such proceedings to be carried, affirming the claim for the security or satisfaction of which such proceedings have been instituted, and the right of the person asserting the same to enforce it against such property by means of such proceedings, notwithstanding the claims of the United States thereto, such final judgment shall be deemed, to all intents and purposes, a full and final determination of the rights of such person, and shall entitle such person, as against the United States, to such rights as he would have had in case possession of such property had not been changed. Whenever such claim is for the payment of money, and the same is by such judgment found to be due, the presentation of a duly authenticated copy of the record of such judgment and proceedings shall be sufficient evidence to the proper accounting officers for the allowance thereof; and the same shall thereupon be allowed and paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. The amount so to be allowed and paid shall not, however, exceed the value of the interest of the United States in the property in question.

(R.S. § 3754; Pub. L. 89-30, § 1(b), June 2, 1965, 79 Stat. 119.)

#### CODIFICATION

R.S. § 3754 derived from act June 11, 1864, ch. 117, 13 Stat. 122.

#### AMENDMENTS

1965—Pub. L. 89-30 substituted “Attorney General” for “Secretary of the Treasury”.

#### APPROPRIATIONS

Section 3 of act June 26, 1934, ch. 756, 48 Stat. 1226, which was classified to section 725b of former Title 31, Money and Finance, provided in part that, effective July 1, 1935, the permanent or continuing appropriation account “Judgments of courts (Revised Statutes, section 3754 [40 U.S.C. 309]) (7x965)” is abolished, and any unobligated balances in such account are covered into the Treasury; and that any claims accruing on and after July 1, 1935, which, but for this section would have been charged to this appropriation title, shall, upon proper audit, be certified to Congress for appropriation from the general fund of the Treasury, which is authorized.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 308 of this title.

### § 310. Abandoned property

The Administrator of General Services is authorized to make such contracts and provisions as he may deem for the interest of the Government, for the preservation, sale, or collection of any property, or the proceeds thereof, which may have been wrecked, abandoned, or become derelict, being within the jurisdiction of the United States, and which ought to come to the United States, and in such contracts to allow such compensation to any person giving information thereof, or who shall actually preserve, collect, surrender, or pay over the same, as the Administrator of General Services may deem just and reasonable. No costs or claim shall, however, become chargeable to the United States in so obtaining, preserving, collecting,

receiving, or making available property, debts, dues, or interests, which shall not be paid from such moneys as shall be realized and received from the property so collected, under each specific agreement.

(R.S. § 3755; Pub. L. 89-30, § 4, June 2, 1965, 79 Stat. 119.)

#### CODIFICATION

The clause in this section, as originally enacted, making it applicable also to “or of any moneys, dues, and other interests lately in the possession of or due to the so-called Confederate States, or their agents, and now belonging to the United States, which are now withheld or retained by any person, corporation or municipality whatever, and which ought to have come into the possession and custody of, or been collected or received by, the United States;” was omitted.

R.S. § 3755 derived from Res. June 21, 1870, No. 75, 16 Stat. 380.

#### AMENDMENTS

1965—Pub. L. 89-30 substituted “Administrator of General Services” for “Secretary of the Treasury”.

**§§ 311, 311a. Repealed. June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title VI, § 602(a)(5), (6), formerly title V, § 502(a)(5), (6), 63 Stat. 400; renumbered Sept. 5, 1950, ch. 849, § 6(a), (b), 64 Stat. 583**

Section 311, act July 11, 1919, ch. 6, § 5, 41 Stat. 67, related to purchase of material and supplies from government services following cessation of war activities. See section 471 et seq. of this title.

Section 311a, act Dec. 20, 1928, ch. 39, title I, 45 Stat. 1030, related to surplus materials, supplies and equipment, and application of Executive Order of Dec. 3, 1918. See section 471 et seq. of this title. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior acts:

Feb. 12, 1925, ch. 225, title I, 43 Stat. 894.  
June 30, 1922, ch. 253, title I, 42 Stat. 717.  
July 19, 1919, ch. 24, § 3, 41 Stat. 232.  
July 11, 1919, ch. 7, § 7, 41 Stat. 103.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal of sections effective July 1, 1949, pursuant to section 505 of act June 30, 1949.

### § 311b. Disposition of unfit horses and mules

Subject to applicable regulations under the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended [40 U.S.C. 471 et seq.], horses and mules belonging to the United States which have become unfit for service may be destroyed or put out to pasture, either on the pastures belonging to the United States Government or those belonging to financially sound and reputable humane organizations whose facilities permit them to care for them during the remainder of their natural life, at no cost to the Government.

(June 15, 1938, ch. 400, 52 Stat. 693; June 3, 1939, ch. 176, 53 Stat. 808; Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 654, § 2(24), 65 Stat. 707.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, referred to in text, is act June 30, 1949, ch. 288, 63 Stat. 377, as amended. Provisions of that act relating to disposal of government property are classified to chapter 10 (§ 471 et seq.) of this title. Provisions of that act relating to regulations are classified to section 486 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 471 of this title and Tables.